



Rebuild Iowa Office

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1. What is the core mission of your department?

Mission: "The Rebuild Iowa Office will lead the State of Iowa's efforts to rebuild safer, stronger and smarter in the wake of the 2008 severe storms and catastrophic flooding."

Vision: "We envision a resilient Iowa that will be safe, sustainable and economically strong for its people, reaffirming its ties to the land, rivers, environment and rich cultural history."

- This includes coordinating the state's \$4.3 billion recovery effort and its programs. While other agencies directly administer these programs, the RIO has worked with partners to ensure roadblocks were addressed and help design programs to meet the needs of impacted individuals, business and communities. The RIO also works with other partners to ensure that the state is better prepared for future catastrophic disasters.

2. What is the effect of Senate File 2088 (State Government Reorganization Act) on your Department?

- Several employees now only have cell phones (no desk phones)
- Our agency has always delivered our required Quarterly Reports electronically so this was no change.

3. Employee information (see *organizational chart, page 3*):

- RIO has fourteen total employees as of 2/8/11, including two state employees from other agencies (one through a 28D agreement with DAS and another from IDED) who will return to those agencies when the RIO closes.
- This number will be reduced to twelve on 2/17/11 when one staff member moves to IPERS and another on a temporary contract through Merit Resources finishes their service.
- See organization chart for information on merit employees (currently 9) and those covered by a collective bargaining agreement (currently 7; the Chief of Staff and Intergovernmental Affairs Director are merit, non-contract).
- Five employees are 100% federally funded. Most positions have been at least partially federally-funded.

4. Have there been recent reclassifications of individuals in your department? How many and what were the changes?

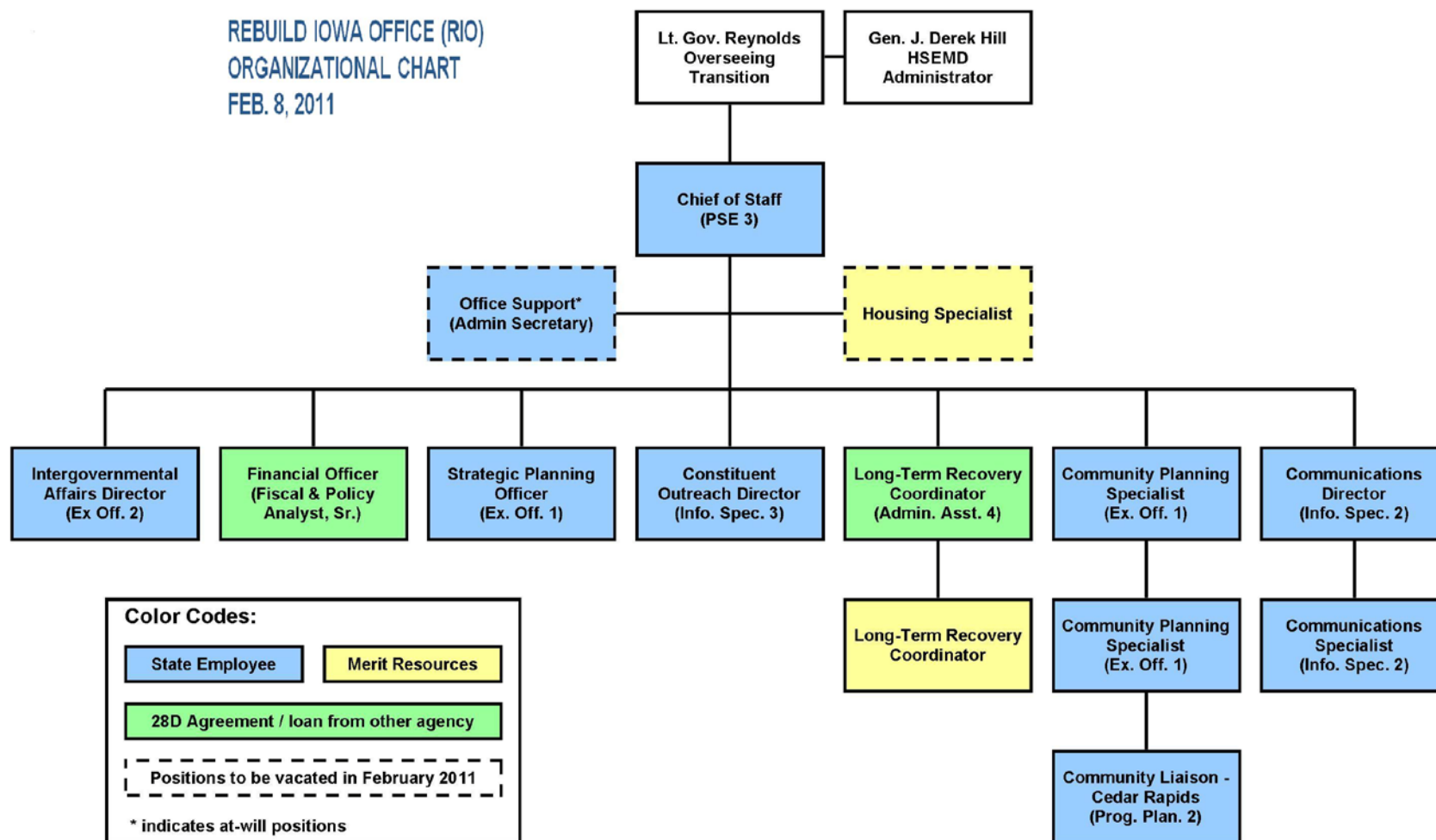
Two employees were reclassified from Program Planner 2 to Executive Officer 1 in July, 2010 to reflect changing job duties due to reduced staffing (four staff left the office and their work was redistributed) and changing focus.

5. Does your department receive federal funds? If so, what is the State match?

- Economic Development Administration: \$3 million over two years (now complete)
- HUD Community Development Block Grant: \$1.2 million in administrative funding over three years
- State Funding: \$800,000 over three years (approximately 15% of total funding) but not considered match

6. **Can divisions within the department be merged to create greater efficiencies?** N/A, the office is closing in June, 2011.
7. **How much department revenue comes from other state agencies?** While the RIO does not receive any fee payments from other agencies, we do have two sources of funding that come through other agencies. Community Development Block Grant funds are administered by the Iowa Department of Economic Development and RIO receives a portion of their administrative funds. Also, for 2010 disaster case management services RIO has a contract with Iowa Community Action Association that is paid through funds from the Department of Human Services.
8. **How much department revenue is fee-based?** None.
9. **For FY 2011, describe the department's current budget situation. Do you expect any savings?** The office was originally appropriated \$647,014. As a result of across-the-board cuts and other reductions, that amount is now \$623,576. Through cost-saving measures including reduced supplies, reduced travel, reduced printing and reduced staff, we expect a savings of about \$150,000 in state funds.
10. **For budget line items that have only used 10-20% of their allocations so far, do you expect any savings?** N/A
11. **How does House File 45 (Taxpayers First Bill) impact your department?** This bill proposes closing the Rebuild Iowa Office upon enactment and transferring all responsibilities to Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Since the office was established in code, we have been working with the June 30, 2011 sunset date in mind. We are currently still working with many active disaster recovery programs including housing buy-outs, business assistance, new housing construction, case management and various infrastructure programs. We are also working on mitigation efforts including statewide comprehensive planning, outreach to increase the purchase of flood insurance and more accurate flood plain mapping and modeling. We currently have an active MOU with Wartburg College and a contract with Iowa Community Action Association. Both end by the sunset date, but closing the office early would not allow us to meet those agreed-upon expectations. In addition, the RIO's transition plan, which was released in January, 2011 does not assign all duties to Homeland Security and Emergency Management. RIO staff is actively working to prepare for transition and/or close out activities and further discussion is needed with new department directors of that agency and others to ensure that duties are properly transitioned and continuity of recovery is maintained.
12. **Were any American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds used in FY 2011?** No.
13. **Did the Department receive any Appropriations Transfers in FY 2011?**
The Department of Human Services received a transfer that includes funding for 2010 Disaster Recovery Case Management. The RIO has a contract with Iowa Community Action Association to provide these services and is drawing down these funds on a reimbursement basis from DHS to cover associated expenses.

REBUILD IOWA OFFICE (RIO)
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART
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Rebuild Iowa Office Duties per HF64



- Establishing and realizing short-term priorities for recovery and long-term plans for redevelopment
- Establishing federal and state legislative agendas for the recovery and rebuilding efforts and for coordinating between levels and branches of government to implement that agenda
- Identifying funding sources and/or innovative financing alternatives to adequately fund recovery and redevelopment
- Receiving, establishing priorities and creating guidelines for disbursing and overseeing the use of all funds made available to the State of Iowa as a result of these disaster events
- Establishing timelines and benchmarks by which progress in disaster recovery and long-term reconstruction can be measured
- Providing means for the public, businesses, non-governmental organizations, communities and other stakeholders to have input into the recovery process
- Providing state and local units of government with guidance for long-term recovery after a disaster.
- Transition plan by 1/1/11. Sunset 6/30/11.

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